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From:

Glenda Williams, Director of Library Services

For:

Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject:

2017 Summer Reading at the Long Beach Public Library

The Long Beach Public Library (LBPL) launches its annual Summer Reading Program on Saturday, June 17, 2017, at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library, located at 5870 Atlantic Avenue, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Reading by Design," inspired by the creativity of authors, illustrators, builders, inventors, artists, architects, and everyone who makes the world a more interesting, livable, accessible, and beautiful place. In turn, the Library hopes to inspire readers to explore their own creativity and design new worlds.

The Summer Reading kickoff event is a family-oriented "How-To" festival, featuring activities designed for youth, teens, and adults. Some of these activities are Vegetable Gardening 101, Ceramic Painting, Interactive Game Design, Screen Print a Canvas Bag, Coffee Brewing 101, Origami Game Controllers, and a Lego Party.

The Summer Reading Program runs from June 17 to August 12, and is free for everyone. Visit any Long Beach Public Library location to register, read, and earn incentives along the way. To complement reading activities, each location hosts a series of special events. This year's featured performers include Wild Wonders, a wildlife educational program with cuddly and creepy critters; comedy-magician Arty Loon; Noteworthy Puppets; Flights of Fantasy storytellers and more. A complete calendar listing can be found on the library's website, www.lbpl.org.

Every year, more than 5,000 Long Beach residents participate in LBPL's Summer Reading Program. Reading over the summer is crucial for students so they are prepared to tackle the next grade in September. Participation in this program helps prevent summer learning loss and encourages reading as a fun, family activity.

If you have additional questions or comments, please contact Glenda Williams at (562) 570-6016.

#### Attachment

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## SUMMER READING KICKOFF EVENT

Register for SUMMER READING and enjoy a day full of activities, workshops, challenges and more!

Designed for the entire family, this event is sure to get you ready for a summer of fun!

We kick off Summer Reading on Saturday, June 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Michelle Obama Library. We'll have fun-filled activities for all ages.

Sign up for Summer Reading at any Long Beach Public Library location.

# BINGO and Book Swap Parties for Adults

Don't miss out on your chance to win big!

Stop in and play BINGO, win prizes, and swap your gently-used books for new favorites. Mocktails and light refreshments provided.

Thursday, June 29 @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Mark Twain Library
Thursday, July 20 @ 6:30 p.m. ~ El Dorado Library
Thursday, August 10 @ 6:30 p.m. ~ Michelle Obama Library

### **BLACK LIGHT Parties for Teens**

End the summer on a bright note!

Join us to paint glow-in-the-dark t-shirts, play glow-in-the-dark bowling, dance to video game-led dances on a glowing dance floor, and enjoy snacks at a nacho cheese bar.

Friday, July 28 @ 5:00 p.m. ~ El Dorado Library
Friday, August 4 @ 5:00 p.m. ~ Mark Twain Library
Friday, August 11 @ 5:00 p.m. ~ Michelle Obama Library

## LIBRARY LOCATIONS

#### MAIN LIBRARY

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101 Pacific Ave. 90822 — (562) 570-7500

#### **ALAMITOS LIBRARY**

1836 E. Third St. 90802 ~ (562) 570-1037

#### **BACH LIBRARY**

4055 Bellflower Blvd. 90808 - (562) 570-1038

#### **BAY SHORE LIBRARY**

195 Bay Shore Ave. 90803 — (562) 570-1039

#### **BREWITT LIBRARY**

4036 E. Anaheim St. 90804 ~ (562) 570-1040

#### **BURNETT LIBRARY**

560 E. Hill St. 90806 ~ (562) 570-1041

#### DANA LIBRARY

3680 Atlantic Ave. 90807 - (562) 570-1042

#### **EL DORADO LIBRARY**

2900 Studebaker Rd. 90815 ~ (562) 570-3136

#### HARTE LIBRARY

1595 W. Willow St. 90810 ~ (562) 570-1044

#### LOS ALTOS LIBRARY

5614 Britton Dr. 90815 ~ (562) 570-1045

#### MARK TWAIN LIBRARY

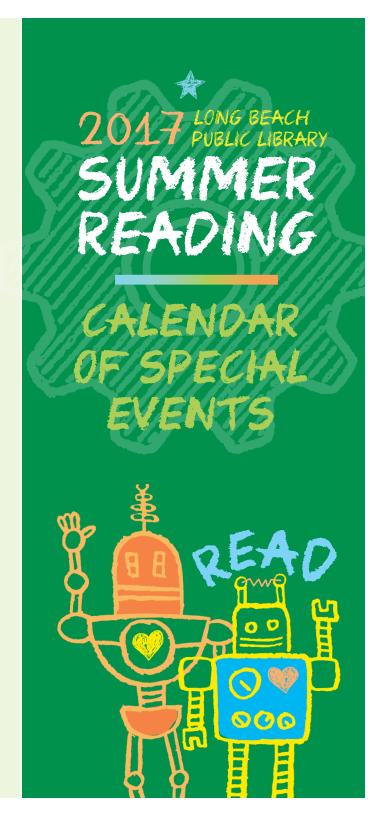
1401 E. Anaheim St. 90813 — (562) 570-1046

#### MICHELLE OBAMA LIBRARY

5870 Atlantic Ave. 90805 ~ (562) 570-1047

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WWW.LBPL.ORG



# CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS ALL EVENTS ANNIE BANANNIE: Whimsical balloon creations

CHRISTOPHER T MAGICIAN: Join Christopher "Taco" for an amazing magic show with wall-to-wall laughs!

ARE FREE

Tuesday, June 20 @ 12:30 p.m. ~ Dana Library Tuesday, June 20 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Burnett Library Tuesday, June 20 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Main Library Wednesday, June 21 @ 2 p.m. ~ Harte Library Wednesday, June 21 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Mark Twain Library Thursday, June 22 @ 12 noon ~ Los Altos Library Thursday, June 22 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Bach Library Thursday, June 22 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ El Dorado Library Friday, June 23 @ 11 a.m. ~ Bay Shore Library Friday, June 23 @ 1 p.m. ~ Brewitt Library Friday, June 23 @ 3 p.m. ~ Alamitos Library

### FLIGHTS OF FANTASY: Interactive folktales and fables spring to life with costumes and props.

Saturday, June 24 @ 12 noon ~ Michelle Obama Library

Tuesday, June 27 @ 12:30 p.m. ~ Dana Library Tuesday, June 27 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Burnett Library Tuesday, June 27 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Main Library Wednesday, June 28 @ 2 p.m. ~ Harte Library Wednesday, June 28 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Mark Twain Library Thursday, June 29 @ 12 noon ~ Los Altos Library Thursday, June 29 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Bach Library Thursday, June 29 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ El Dorado Library Friday, June 30 @ 11 a.m. ~ Bay Shore Library Friday, June 30 @ 1 p.m. ~ Brewitt Library Friday, June 30 @ 3 p.m. ~ Alamitos Library Saturday, July 1 @ 12 noon ~ Michelle Obama Library

#### BUSTER BALLOON: A wild and wacky mix of comedy. magic, and amazing balloon-twisting!

Wednesday, July 5 @ 2 p.m. ~ Harte Library Wednesday, July 5 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Mark Twain Library Friday, July 7 @ 11 a.m. ~ Bay Shore Library Friday, July 7 @ 1 p.m. ~ Brewitt Library Friday, July 7 @ 3 p.m. ~ Alamitos Library Saturday, July 8 @ 12 noon ~ Michelle Obama Library bring together storytelling, music, and comedy in a spectacular performance to delight kids of all ages!

■ Thursday, July 6 @ 12 noon ~ Los Altos Library Thursday, July 6 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Bach Library Thursday, July 6 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ El Dorado Library Tuesday, August 8 @ 12:30 p.m. ~ Dana Library Tuesday, August 8 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Burnett Library Tuesday, August 8 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Main Library

WILD WONDERS: "Tame" your curiosity for "wildlife" with this educational and interactive program featuring a variety of cuddly and creepy critters.

Tuesday, July 11 @ 12:30 p.m. ~ Dana Library

Tuesday, July 11 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Burnett Library Tuesday, July 11 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Main Library Wednesday, July 12 @ 2 p.m. ~ Harte Library Wednesday, July 12 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Mark Twain Library Thursday, July 13 @ 12 noon ~ Los Altos Library Thursday, July 13 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Bach Library Thursday, July 13 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ El Dorado Library Friday, July 14 @ 11 a.m. ~ Bay Shore Library Friday, July 14 @ 1 p.m. ~ Brewitt Library Friday, July 14 @ 3 p.m. ~ Alamitos Library Saturday, August 5 @ 12 noon ~ Michelle Obama Library

ARTY LOON: Comedy magic, amazing illusion, spectacular juggling, and hilarious puppetry guarantees fun for the whole family!

- Saturday, July 15 @ 12 noon ~ Michelle Obama Library Tuesday, August 1 @ 12:30 p.m. ~ Dana Library
- Tuesday, August 1 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Burnett Library
- Tuesday, August 1 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Main Library
- Wednesday, August 2 @ 2 p.m. ~ Harte Library
- Wednesday, August 2 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Mark Twain Library
- Thursday, August 3 @ 12 noon ~ Los Altos Library Thursday, August 3 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Bach Library
- Thursday, August 3 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ El Dorado Library
- Friday, August 4 @ 11 a.m. ~ Bay Shore Library
- Friday, August 4 @ 1 p.m. ~ Brewitt Library
- Friday, August 4 @ 3 p.m. ~ Alamitos Library

ONE WORLD RHYTHM: Get ready for a fun and unique experience playing various musical instruments while being guided through a series of musical activities!

- Tuesday, July 18 @ 12:30 p.m. ~ Dana Library Tuesday, July 18 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Burnett Library Tuesday, July 18 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Main Library Wednesday, July 19 @ 2 p.m. ~ Harte Library
- Wednesday, July 19 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Mark Twain Library
- Thursday, July 20 @ 12 noon ~ Los Altos Library
- Thursday, July 20 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Bach Library
- Thursday, July 20 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ El Dorado Library Friday, July 21 @ 11 a.m. ~ Bay Shore Library
- Friday, July 21 @ 1 p.m. ~ Brewitt Library
- Friday, July 21 @ 3 p.m. ~ Alamitos Library
- Saturday, July 22 @ 12 noon ~ Michelle Obama Library

NOTEWORTHY PUPPETS: There's plenty of fun as two kids embark on an adventure to win top prize at a Science Fair. Featuring a 3D-printed puppet!

- Tuesday, July 25 @ 12:30 p.m. ~ Dana Library Tuesday, July 25 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Burnett Library Tuesday, July 25 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Main Library
- Wednesday, July 26 @ 2 p.m. ~ Harte Library
- Wednesday, July 26 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Mark Twain Library
- Thursday, July 27 @ 12 noon ~ Los Altos Library
- Thursday, July 27 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Bach Library
- Thursday, July 27 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ El Dorado Library Friday, July 28 @ 11 a.m. ~ Bay Shore Library
- Friday, July 28 @ 1 p.m. ~ Brewitt Library
- Friday, July 28 @ 3 p.m. ~ Alamitos Library
- Saturday, July 29 @ 12 noon ~ Michelle Obama Library

#### LONG BEACH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S "PETTING ZOO":

Learn how musical instruments make different sounds and fit into the orchestra. Enjoy the unique opportunity to sample them yourself!

- Wednesday, August 9 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ Mark Twain Library Thursday, August 10 @ 2:30 p.m. ~ Bach Library
- Thursday, August 10 @ 4:30 p.m. ~ El Dorado Library
- Friday, August 11 @ 11 a.m. ~ Bay Shore Library